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SUBJ: NARCOTICS ENQUIRY -- CANNABIS SEIZURE - AUSTRALIA  
(GFYC-75-8001)

1. THIS STATEMENT RELATES TO THE SEIZURE OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF CANNABIS FROM A VESSEL UNLOADING ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD OF AUSTRALIA ON 9 JUNE 1978. THE STATEMENT IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO INVESTIGATIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE. SEPARATE INVESTIGATIVE REQUESTS WILL BE DIRECTED AS APPROPRIATE TO CO-OPERATING AGENCIES.

2. DURING APRIL/MAY 1978 INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY STATE POLICE FORCES IDENTIFIED THE INTENTION THAT A SYNDICATE IMPORT A LARGE QUANTITY, PURPORTEDLY SEVERAL TONS, OF CANNABIS INTO AUSTRALIA  
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BY USE OF SEA TRANSPORT. A JOINT NARCOTICS BUREAU AND STATE POLICE OPERATION WAS MOUNTED TO INTERCEPT THE INTENDED CONSIGNMENT. DURING MAY 1978 AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF ABNORMAL MOVEMENTS BY PERSONS SUSPECTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED IMPORTATION.

3. CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE OF THE PERSONS SO IDENTIFIED REVEALED THAT

THEY HAD PURCHASED A VESSEL NAMED "ANOVA" A 13.6 METRE KETCH RIGGED YACHT, FILLED WITH IN-BOARD DIESEL ENGINES.

4. ON 23 MAY THE VESSEL "ANOVA" DEPARTED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN COAST WITHOUT CLEARANCE PURPORTEDLY FOR A JOURNEY ALONG THE AUSTRALIAN SEABOARD. THE VESSEL WAS PLACED UNDER AIR SURVEILLANCE AND TRACKED TO POCKLINGTON REEF 11 DEGREES SOUTH 155 DEGREES 40' EAST AND ON SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO THE AUSTRALIAN COASTLINE.

5. THE "ANOVA" RETURNED TO THE COAST OF NEW SOUTH WALES ON 9 JUNE 1978 AT A SMALL PORT NAMED NEW HAVEN, DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

6. AGENTS PRESENT AT THE SCENE OBSERVED THE ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE SUBSEQUENT UNLOADING OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF CARGO FROM THE ANOVA". OBSERVATIONS IDENTIFIED THE REMOVAL OF THE CARGO TO A NEARBY RESIDENCE. AFTER UNLOADING, THE "ANOVA" WAS PERMITTED TO DEPART THE PORT UNDISTURBED. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTERCEPTED AND SEIZED WITH THREE PERSONS ON BOARD AT A POINT FURTHER NORTH ON THE COASTLINE. A RAID ON THE PREMISES TO WHICH THE CARGO HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED RESULTED IN THE RECOVERY OF 106 HESSIAN BAGS ALL OF WHICH CONTAINED CANNABIS IN BUDDHA STICK FORM. THE ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF THE CONSIGNMENT IS IN EXCESS OF 2 1/2 TONS. SIX PERSONS WERE ALSO ARRESTED AT THE PREMISES IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPORTATION. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A FURTHER 4 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR SIMILAR OFFENCES.

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7. SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARREST IT HAS BECOME KNOWN THAT A VESSEL NAMED "CHORYO MARU NUMBER 5" WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF CANNABIS FROM THE SEABOARD OF THAILAND TO THE POCKLINGTON REEF WHERE THE CONSIGNMENT WAS UNLOADED AND STORED IN THE HULL OF AN OLD WRECK WITH THE INTENTION THAT IT SUBSEQUENTLY BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE REEF TO AUSTRALIA. (PLEASE PROTECT INFORMATION RE "CHORYO MARU NUMBER 5").

8. INFORMATION BECOMING AVAILABLE FROM PERSONS ARRESTED INDICATES THAT A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF CANNABIS REMAINS IN THE HULL OF THE WRECK AT POLKINGTON REEF. ACTION IS CURRENTLY IN HAND TO RECOVER THE REMAINDER WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CUSTOMS.

PERSONS ARRESTED ARE:-

1. LAMOND, LAWRENCE ROY (19.09.1938 AUST)
2. DE GRAFF, JAN REINDER (04.04.1929 NETHERLANDS)
3. BROKENSHIRE, DOMENIC DARRINGTON (22.12.1937 AUST)
4. MCCALLUM, STERLING BRADDON )16.09.1932 AUST)
5. SIMPSON, VAN HENRY (28.08.1952 FIJI)
6. LAWRENCE, JOHN (01.08.1941 AUST)
7. THURLANDER, WAYNE ROBERTT (04.01.1952 AUST)

- 8. PORTEUS, WARRENT CHARLES (05.02.1942 AUST)
- 9. PARKIN, REGINALD CHARLES (02.02.1952 AUST)
- 10. DERLEY, KENNETH ROBERT (18.09.1949 AUST)
- 11. MATTHEWS, JUDITH ANN (02.08.1946. AUST)

10 SUBJECTS 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 WERE ABOARD THE "ANOVA" DURING THE JOURNEY TO POCKLINGTON REEF.

11. A MAJOR PERSONALITY IN THE SYNDICATE INVOLVING THIS IMPORTATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS:  
RILEY, MURRAY STEWART (05.10.1925)  
WHO IS STILL AT LARGE.

12. A NUMBER OF OTHER PERSONS HAVING A MINOR ROLE IN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTATION HAVE YET TO BE INTERVIEWED. FURTHER ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED.

13. AT A LATER STAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.  
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